**Person County**

2030 NC Degree Attainment Goal: 2 million (67%)
2030 Proposed Person County Attainment Goal: 5,871 (56%)

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**Population Spotlight**

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**Growth Rate**

-0.9% vs. 9.5% State

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**Economic Indicators**

- $58,991 Median Household Income (2020)
- 33.2% Child Poverty Rate (2020)
- 86% Households with Broadband (2020)
- 78% Home Owners (2020)
- 77% Voter Registration Rate (2021)
- 5.0% Unemployment Rate (2021)

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**Educational Attainment**

Person County residents ages 25-44, 2020

- No Degree: 59.1% (5,325)
- Have Degree or Credential: 40.9% (3,680)

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<td>More than high school</td>
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<td>High school graduate</td>
<td>28%</td>
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<td>Some college, no credential</td>
<td>22%</td>
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<td>Short-term credential</td>
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<td>Associate degree</td>
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<td>Bachelor's degree</td>
<td>12%</td>
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<td>Graduate or professional degree</td>
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Note: Numbers may add to more than 100% due to rounding

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**Top Opportunities for Growth**

These three areas represent the biggest opportunities for Person County to improve future attainment outcomes.

- Postsecondary Completion
  - 48% of Person County high school graduates who enroll in postsecondary earn a degree or credential within 6 years, below the rural metro county average of 57%.

- Transition to Postsecondary
  - 42% of Person County seniors enroll in postsecondary within 12 months of graduation, below the rural metro county average of 49%.

- Adult Learners
  - 22% of Person County adults 25-44 have some college, no degree, above the rural metro county average of 17%.

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**Impact of Covid-19 on Education Pipeline**

- K-12 Enrollment (district schools): -0.7% 2021-22 vs. 2019-20
- Postsecondary Enrollment: -21.6% 2021 vs. 2020

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**How students in Person County traditional schools are currently doing:**

To meet state goals, each year Person County needs:

- 39 more eligible 4-year-olds enrolled in NC Pre-K program (goal: 75% vs. 58%), 2022
- 980 more 3-8 graders earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in reading (goal: 73% vs. 24%), 2022
- 1,161 more 3-8 graders earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in math (goal: 86% vs. 28%), 2022
- 43 more 9th graders to graduate within four years (goal: 95% vs. 84%), 2021
- 694 more students to attend school regularly (goal: 11% chronic absenteeism vs. 27%), 2021

Person County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 351:1 versus 362:1 in peer counties. 2021

- 54% of seniors completed the FAFSA in 2022. (69 more need to complete in 2022 to meet state goal of 80%).
- 69% of graduates reported intentions to enroll in a postsecondary institution versus 69% in peer counties. 2021
- 42% of graduates enrolled in a postsecondary institution within 12 months versus 49% in peer counties. 2021

- 54% of Person County students have parents with no college degree (either 2- or 4-year) versus 58% in peer counties.

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**Postsecondary Enrollment Rates for Select Groups in Person County, 2021**

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Note: Outcomes for demographic groups with fewer than 10 students are not displayed.

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Raleigh-Durham Prosperity Zone Sub-Region
Peer County Type: Rural Metro
Local Education Agencies: 1
Charter Schools: 2

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Success of Person County High School Graduates

Top destinations of graduates, 2016-2020

- 40% of college-goers attended a public 4-year college
- 9% of college-goers attended a private 4-year college
- 50% of college-goers attended a public 2-year college
- <5% of college-goers attended a private 2-year college
- 95% of college-goers attended an in-state college

- 78% of students who enroll persist to their second year versus 73% in peer counties. 2021
- 48% of students who enroll earn a degree or credential within 6 years versus 57% in peer counties. 2021

Adult Learners

Person County resident enrollments in NC Community Colleges, 2021

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13% of Person County residents have student loan debt; 9% of debt holders had student loans in default. 2020

In your Prosperity Zone Sub-Region:

78.8% of postsecondary degrees and credentials conferred by regional institutions are aligned with labor market needs.

5,347 Individuals served in an ApprenticeshipNC program in 2020

UNC and NC Community College Outcomes:

19,047 graduates in 2020

65% of 2016 graduates were employed in NC in 2021

$50,028 annual average earnings of graduates employed in NC (includes both part-time and full-time jobs)

In 2021 your Workforce Development Board served:

5,026 in Basic Services
2,166 in Career Services
109 in Education Services

17.8% of young adults ages 16-24 in Person County were not working and not in school versus 15.2% in peer counties. 2019

Promising Attainment Practices

The new Promising Attainment Practices Database is a curated, searchable, and filterable collection of about 250 county, region, and state-level initiatives and programs that directly address various components of the state’s attainment challenge. The Database allows local and regional initiative leaders and other stakeholders to identify groups across the state who are developing or operating initiatives designed to boost attainment.

Follow link to discover how Person County has been meeting local needs:
https://dashboard.myfuturenc.org/promising-attainment-practices/?wdt_search=Person

For more information about each indicator, including data sources and methodology, visit:
dashboard.myfuturenc.org/county-data-and-resources/